TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIRD COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1104.

Tuesday the 4th December 1928/19th Vrischikam 1104.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Two Thirty-nine of the Clock, M. E. Watts Esq., B. A., Barrister-at-Law, Dewan, presiding.

The following members were absent:

1. Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar.
2. Mr. K. C. Karunakaran.
3. Mr. K. Madhavan.
4. Mr. P. Gomatinayakam Pillai.
5. Mr. Revatinal Ramavarma Raja..

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Visits of the Director of Agriculture to Pattana puram and Shencotta.

31. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Agriculture has visited Pattanapuram and Shencotta; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, how far his visits have tended to improve agriculture in these places?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The following have been done by the Director towards the improvement of Agriculture in Pattanapuram and Shencotta:—

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[Mr. K. George.]

(1) A demonstration farm has been opened at Puliyara in the Shencotta taluk.

(2) A veterinary hospital has been established at Shencotta.

(3) A manure depot has been opened at Shencotta.

(4) A fieldman has been posted in Shencotta taluk temporarily for conducting demonstrations of improved methods of cultivation.

(5) A grant-in-aid veterinary dispensary has been opened at Talavur in Pattanapuram taluk.

(6) Demonstrations of improved methods of cultivating paddy, cocoanut, *cholam* and other crops are being conducted in Shencotta taluk.

(7) Cultivation of sugarcane and tapioca is being encouraged in Shencotta taluk.

(8) Cultivation of *Boga medaloa* as green manure for paddy is being popularised in the Puliyara pakuthi in Shencotta taluk.

(9) Special fertilisers and chemical manures are being popularised in Shencotta taluk. To meet the demand for these manures, firms like Messrs. Parry and Co., Ltd., and the Indo-Agri. Ltd., have appointed agents for the sale of their manures in the Shencotta taluk.

(10) The use of light iron ploughs is being demonstrated.

(11) Seed selection is being carried on with *cholam* and paddy in the Farm at Puliyara and the selected seeds are being distributed among cultivators.

Grazing Blocks for cattle in Pattanapuram Taluk.

35. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any complaints from the people of Pattanapuram taluk about the extreme necessity for grazing blocks for feeding their cattle; and

(*b*) if any such complaints have been received, the action taken by them to redress such grievances?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A petition has been received by the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner from one Mr. Narayana Pillai and others.

(*b*) The petition is under enquiry.

Palace Maidan at Alleppey.

36. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state the nature of the decision they have arrived at in respect of the suitability of the Palace maidan for a public garden for Alleppey?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government have decided that it is not possible to hand over the maidan to the Municipality as it is an indispensable adjunct to the Alleppey Reserved Palace.

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